complaints were received in the Election Commission regarding missing names from electoral rolls on the poll day. These were referred to the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka for necessary action/report.

(b) The Commission had also sent a team of officers to look into complaints of omission of names from the electoral rolls of Bangalore, Belgaum, Mysore and some other urban areas. The team has submitted its report and necessary corrective measures are being taken so that no eligible voter is left out of the rolls.

Vacant posts of Judges

†1281. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the vacancies of Judges in district courts and High Courts in U.P. and Maharashtra as on 31st July, 2004;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) by when all these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Under article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the members of Subordinate Judicial Service vests with the concerned High Court. Therefore, the Central Government does not maintain data on the vacancies of judicial officers in district courts in States. As regards the High Courts, as on 31st July, 2004, there are 24 vacancies of Judges in Allahabad High Court in Uttar Pradesh and 4 vacancies of Judges in Bombay High Court in Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) The service conditions, including filling up of vacancies, of the members of Subordinate Judiciary of the State, are governed by their repsective State Governments.

The filling up of vacancies in the High Courts is a collective consultative process among the constitutional authorities. The process of initiation of proposal for appointment of Judges of a High Court lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court. The Central Government has,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

however, been requesting the Chief Justices of the High Courts, Chief Ministers and the Governors of the States, from time to time, to initiate proposals for filling up of the present and anticipated vacancies during the next six months. The creation and filling up of vacancies is an on-going process and no time-limit can be set for filling up of all the vacancies.

Right of judges to strike

1282. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judges of the Lower Courts, High Courts and Supreme Court have right to go on strike under the provisions of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such right is available to the judges, under the Constitution of India.

Fast Track Courts

1283. SHRI SUDARŚHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts set up in the country as on the 31st March, 2004;

(b) the number of Fast Track Courts proposed to be set up during Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) whether the Law Commission has taken up any study to further streamline the procedures for speedy disposal of the pending cases; and

(d) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on the 31st March, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As on 31st March, 2004, 1370 Fast Track Courts have been set up all over the country.